



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION NO. 18 KBB 2004

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#### *CONTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - PROCLAMATION NO. 18 KBB 2004*

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**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** when the governor finds a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers her to declare the state of disaster or emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

**WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 18 KBB 2004, issued on May 14, 2004, declared a state of emergency to exist in the parishes of Acadia, East Baton Rouge, St. Landry, St. Martin, and West Baton Rouge due to a severe line of thunderstorms that occurred on May 12, 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** this severe line of thunderstorms also caused the parishes of Allen, Calcasieu, Iberville, Lafayette, Livingston, and Jefferson Davis to experience heavy rains, flooding conditions, and debris and forced many of its citizens and businesses to be evacuated;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency is declared to exist within the boundaries of the parishes of Allen, Calcasieu, Iberville, Lafayette, Livingston, and Jefferson Davis, state of Louisiana, as a result of severe thunderstorms and excessive rains and flooding that occurred on May 12, 2004, which created emergency conditions that continue to threaten the lives and property of the citizens of those parishes.

**SECTION 2:** The state of Louisiana's emergency response and recovery program is activated under the command of the director of the state office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to provide emergency support services and/or to minimize the effects of the storm's damage.

**SECTION 3:** The state of emergency extends from Wednesday, May 12, 2004, through Friday, June 11, 2004, unless terminated sooner.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 14th day of May, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**